

Please cancel the previous versions of claims 1,4, 2, 8, 14 and 20 and rewrite them as follows. (Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the following are clean copies of the rewritten claims. Marked up versions of these claims are attached on separate sheets.)

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1. (Once Amended) An intraluminal device for shaping a collapsed viscus, the device comprising:

an elongated body member, the elongated body member having at least three independent inflatable sections along the length of the body member, wherein the independent inflatable sections are axially spaced along the body member and each inflatable section is axially fixed relative to the remainder of the axially spaced inflatable sections, and wherein each inflatable section is designed to give shape to a collapsed viscus by acquiring its distended form when the inflated section is in the inflated condition;

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at least one tube positioned between adjacent inflatable sections, wherein each adjacent inflatable section extends around the entire circumference of the body, and wherein the tube extends from a peripheral portion of the device between adjacent inflatable sections to a distal end of the body member, wherein the tube is adapted to be selectively attached to a section source or a fluid supply source; and

means for independently inflating each individual inflatable section to give shape to a collapsed viscus by acquiring its distended form when the inflated section is in the inflated condition.

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2. (Once Amended) An intraluminal device for shaping a collapsed viscus comprising:

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an elongated body member, the elongated body member having a plurality of independent inflatable sections along the length of the body member, wherein the plurality of independent inflatable sections are axially spaced along the body member and each inflatable section is axially fixed relative to the remainder of the axially spaced inflatable sections, and wherein the body member is a single sleeve which is adapted to fit over an existing intraluminal tool; and

means for independently inflating each individual inflatable section to give shape to the collapsed viscus by acquiring its distended form when the inflated section is in the inflated condition.

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4. (Once Amended) The device of claim 1 further including at least four of the adjacent inflatable sections and wherein a plurality of the tubes are provided with each tube is adapted to be selectively attached to a suction hose or a fluid supply source.

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8. (Once Amended) The device of claim 6 further including at least one optical scope positioned between adjacent inflatable sections and extending to a distal end of the body member.

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14. (Once Amended) A method of manipulating a collapsed hollow lumen during surgical or diagnostic procedures comprising the steps of:
inserting a body member having at least three axially spaced independent inflatable sections into the lumen; and

selectively inflating independent sections of the body member giving shape to the collapsed lumen by acquiring its distended form when the section is in the inflated condition whereby the inflated balloon section manipulates the lumen.

20. (Amended) An intraluminal and surgical diagnostic device for shaping a collapsed viscus comprising:

AB an intraluminal body member having a series of axially spaced independently inflatable/deflatable balloon sections along the length of the body member wherein each balloon section is axially fixed on the body member relative to the remainder of the axially spaced balloon sections, and wherein each balloon section will give shape to the collapsed viscus by acquiring its distended form when the balloon section is in the inflated condition whereby the inflated balloon section manipulates the hollow viscus;

a suction tube extending from a leading end of the body member to a distal end of the body member; and

at least one tube extending from a peripheral portion of the device between adjacent balloon sections to the distal end of the body member, wherein each adjacent balloon section extends around the entire circumference of the body.

REMARKS

The Final Office Action of September 27, 2000 in the parent application has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered.

The present Amendment amends the claims in the manner discussed in telephone conversations with the Examiner. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the